

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY (MWDOC)
WITH THE MWDOC MET DIRECTORS**

November 2, 2022

At 8:30 a.m., Vice President McVicker called to order the Regular Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County via the Zoom Webinar application (due to the current state of emergency related to the spread of COVID-19 and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)). Director Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

MWDOC DIRECTORS

Al Nederhood
Larry Dick*
Karl W. Seckel
Bob McVicker
Sat Tamaribuchi*
Jeffery M. Thomas
Megan Yoo Schneider

STAFF

Robert Hunter, General Manager
Harvey De La Torre, Asst. Gen. Mgr.
Joe Byrne, Legal Counsel
Maribeth Goldsby, Board Secretary
Melissa Baum-Haley, Prin. Water Resource Analyst
Alex Heide, Water Resources Analyst
Charles Busslinger, Dir. of Engineering/Dist. Eng.
Kevin Hostert, Water Resources Analyst
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Heather Baez, Governmental Affairs Manager
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency
Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management

*Also MWDOC MET Directors

OTHER MWDOC MET DIRECTORS

Linda Ackerman (absent)
Dennis Erdman

OTHERS PRESENT

Nina Hawk
George Nishikawa
Jennifer Nevills
Sara Tucker
Garrett Durst
Syrus Devers
Dick Ackerman
Ed Means
Paul Jones
Richard Bell
Doug Davert
Mike Dunbar
Kathryn Freshley
Mike Gaskins
Kay Havens
Mark Monin
Jose Vergara
Dennis Cafferty
Steve LaMar

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Best, Best & Krieger
Ackerman Consulting
Means Consulting
Dopudja & Wells Consulting
East Orange County Water District
East Orange County Water District
Emerald Bay Service District
El Toro Water District
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Irvine Ranch Water District

Doug Reinhart	Irvine Ranch Water District
Paul Cook	Irvine Ranch Water District
Frank Prewoznik	Irvine Ranch Water District
Keith Van Der Maaten	Laguna Beach County Water District
Jim Atkinson	Mesa Water
Stacy Taylor	Mesa Water
Dick Fiore	Moulton Niguel Water District
Don Froelich	Moulton Niguel Water District
Bill Moorhead	Moulton Niguel Water District
Sherry Wanninger	Moulton Niguel Water District
Laura Rocha	Moulton Niguel Water District
Kaden Young	Moulton Niguel Water District
Kelly Rowe	Orange County Water District
Mike Markus	Orange County Water District
John Kennedy	Orange County Water District
Sandra Jacobs	Santa Margarita Water District
Dan Ferons	Santa Margarita Water District
Jim Leach	Santa Margarita Water District
Chip Monaco	Santa Margarita Water District
Greg Mills	Serrano Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Bill Green	South Coast Water District
Tom Lindsey	Yorba Linda Water District
Wayne Miller	Yorba Linda Water District
Brooke Jones	Yorba Linda Water District
Mark Toy	Yorba Linda Water District
Lisa Ohlund	Ohlund Management & Technical Services
Skylar Stephens	San Diego County Water Authority
Andrea Zimmer	CDM Smith

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice President McVicker inquired whether any members of the public wished to comment on agenda items.

No public comments were received.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED - Determine need and take action to agendize item(s), which arose subsequent to the posting of the Agenda. (ROLL CALL VOTE: Adoption of this recommendation requires a two-thirds vote of the Board members present or, if less than two-thirds of the Board members are present, a unanimous vote.)

No items were presented.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD LESS THAN 72 HOURS PRIOR TO MEETING

Vice President McVicker inquired as to whether there were any items distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

No items were distributed less than 72 hours prior to meeting.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**PRESENTATION BY MET STAFF REGARDING THE DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT EIR**

Ms. Nina Hawk (MET's Policy Manager/Bay Delta Initiatives) updated the Board on the Delta Conveyance draft EIR. Her presentation included a project overview, timeline, project purposes (climate and seismic resiliency, water supply reliability and operational flexibility), project alignments, alternatives (with the Bethany alignment as the proposed project) and capacity options, and a comparison of the proposed Delta Conveyance Project versus the original California WaterFix (twin tunnels). Ms. Hawk also outlined the proposed water supply reliability and resiliency components (climate change assumptions and effects on supply, runoff timing and quantities projections, and high flow events, etc.). Ms. Hawk concluded her presentation with an overview of MET's One Water and the Delta Conveyance efforts.

Considerable discussion ensued following the presentation, with emphasis on climate and sea level rise (and the impacts on supplies), potential damage to fisheries, the project footprint and Bethany alignment, the importance of minimizing impacts to the Delta, flow capacities, cost differentials between Bethany and the other alignments (MET is working on a refined cost assessment), storage capacities and available "put" capacities (and the need to optimize water capture), whether the proposed project would affect the Integrated Resources Plan, and the public's opinion on the project (and the importance of outreach).

Following discussion, the Board received and filed the report as presented.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES**a. Federal Legislative Report (NRR)**

Mr. Garrett Durst, of NRR, provided an overview of NRR's written report in the packet, highlighting the appropriations process, the Colorado River report, Delta Conveyance legislation and timelines, and the House GOP water legislation.

The Board received and filed the report.

b. State Legislative Report

Mr. Syrus Devers, of BBK, reviewed his report, highlighting the Delta Commission activities, including information on harmful algae blooms, and drought actions.

Following discussion, the Board received and filed the report.

c. Legal and Regulatory Report (Ackerman)

Mr. Dick Ackerman referenced his report, highlighting AWWA’s water voter confidence poll (70-80% of those polled are satisfied).

The Board received and filed the report.

- d. MWDOC Legislative Matrix**
- e. Metropolitan Legislative Matrix**

The Board received and filed the reports.

INPUT OR QUESTIONS ON MET ISSUES FROM THE MEMBER AGENCIES/MET DIRECTOR REPORTS REGARDING MET COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Director Erdman noted that the MET Board elected Adan Ortega as MET Chair for a two-year term; authorized the reimbursement of capital expenditures from bond proceeds; authorized the Project Labor Agreement with the trade councils; authorized engineering services agreements for five years; declared 41 parcels as surplus; extended the term of the Operational Shift Cost Offset Program; authorized a \$300,000 settlement (helicopter crash); adopted the revised restatement of the Bay-Delta Policies; adopted resolution encouraging the reduction/elimination of non-functional turf; and established MET’s maximum contributions for medical benefits for retirees. He also provided an overview of the recently re-instituted MET inspection trips.

Director Dick commended MET legal counsel for their efforts in reaching the settlement on damaged property (helicopter crash).

Director Tamaribuchi advised that he voted in opposition on the resolution encouraging the reduction/elimination of non-functional turf, noting that the resolution included buffalo grass which is drought-tolerant.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE CONTINUATION OF REMOTE MEETINGS PURSUANT TO AB 361 AND MAKE REQUIRED FINDINGS

Vice President McVicker advised that the proposal to continue remote meetings was before the Board for consideration.

Upon MOTION by Director Dick, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (5-1), the Board voted to continue virtual meetings pursuant to AB 361 for an additional 30 days based on the findings that (1) it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency for COVID-19, and (2) state and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing, by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: Directors Dick, McVicker, Seckel, Tamaribuchi, and Thomas
- NOES: Director Nederhood
- ABSENT: Director Yoo Schneider
- ABSTAIN: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

MWD ITEMS CRITICAL TO ORANGE COUNTY

- a. MET Finance and Rate Issues
- b. MET Integrated Resources Plan Update
- c. MET Water Supply Conditions Update
- d. Water Quality Update
- e. Colorado River Issues
- f. Delta Conveyance Activities and State Water Project Issues

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

METROPOLITAN (MET) BOARD AND COMMITTEE AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Summary regarding the October MET Board Meeting
- b. MET 4-Month Outlook on Upcoming Issues
- c. Review items of significance for the upcoming MET Board and Committee Agendas

The report was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned in memory of Kathleen Anne Gibson at 10:22 a.m.

Maribeth Goldsby
Board Secretary